

Senator Toni Harp

Appropriations Committee Co-Chair
Legislative Office Building, Room 2700
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator Toni Harp:

My name is Avery Corrigan and I am a junior in the Wamogo agriscience program in Litchfield. I live in Warren and I attend this regional agriscience school choice. Program because I want to learn different things about agriculture. I like being in the Ag program because I like learning about how to do things like how to fix engines and work on engines. I learn lots of things about how engines work and how to fix engines. I also learn about maple syrup, learning how to landscape areas and run equipment. I plan to go to a collage after high school and do something in the agriculture field. I have two kinds of SAE. During the summer, I work at Hopkins Vineyard in Warren CT that my grandparents own. I take care of vines and run equipment. During the school year, I do an entrepreneurship SAE at my house. During the school year I mow lawns, cut firewood, prune trees, and make maple syrup. I like the SAE that I do because I get a better idea on what I want to do in the future. I am an FFA member in the Wamogo FFA Chapter. The FFA will help me be able to speak to people better and how to do things properly.

"I am writing this letter to encourage you to **please urge the Appropriations Committee to pledge 9 million dollars of the school choice funding increases proposed in the Governor's budget to the state's 19 regional (vo-ag) agriscience programs.**

Our agriscience programs have been drastically underfunded for over 20 years as compared to the magnet schools, charter schools, vocational technical schools and the other school choice funding programs. (Please see attached flyer with details)

This will allow hundreds of more students like me to enroll in these successful programs so they will have the same positive experience I am having now.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter."

Sincerely,
Avery Corrigan

